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## **CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

BEST WESTERN ISLAND PALMS HOTEL and MARINA

2051 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

Thursday, November 18, 2005

### Members Present:

Patricia Osuna, RDH  
Kamran Sahabi, DDS  
Lewis Turchi, DDS

### Members Absent:

None

### Staff Present:

Robert Hedrick, Executive Officer  
Georgetta Coleman-Griffith, Assistant Executive Officer  
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst  
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General  
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel

Chair Osuna called the meeting to order at 1:40p.m., introduced the new Executive Officer, Robert Hedrick and called the roll, establishing a quorum.

### Agenda Item 10.1 – Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2005 Meeting:

It was M/S/C (Turchi/Osuna) to accept the minutes of the August 18 meeting as presented.

### Agenda Item 10.2 – Proposal to Allow CE Credits for GA/CS On-Site Evaluations:

Chair Osuna noted that this is a proposal to grant continuing education credits for site evaluations done by its subject matter experts. Legal Counsel LaVonne Powell noted that this would require a regulation. She suggested that this may be policy, but currently is not in regulation.

Assistant Executive Officer Coleman-Griffith explained that if these units were to be granted, it must be determined how many hours or how many evaluations would be allowed for credit. Chair Osuna noted that an approved provider gives the eight-hour clinical orientation. Edmund Carolan, CDA, believed that the issue was brought forward by Dental Board Member Alan Kaye, adding that CDA would most likely be in favor of moving forward with this. He noted that this could be an incentive. Chair Osuna suggested the item be tabled to the next meeting for the input of interested parties.

### Agenda Item 10.3 – Consideration of Mandatory CE Course on DPAV (Dental Professionals Against Violence):

Chair Osuna stated that this issue has been discussed before, she would like to see a decision on this matter. Member Sahabi asked how many hours are being recommended. Kathleen A. Shanel-Hogan, DDS, MA, stated that three hours would definitely be sufficient, recommending a one-time requirement. Member Turchi asked if this is not redundant to current mandatory requirements. Shanel-Hogan noted that this would educate licensees in their mandatory reporting requirements. Member Turchi asked if it is necessary to put another mandatory course on dental professionals. Shanel-Hogan agreed that is the reason she had changed her recommendation to a one-time course requirement. Dr. Doug Kassen, stated that he would object to the addition of another mandatory course, adding that it is available to those who wish to take it for their CE requirements.

Member Sahabi asked if a sufficient number of providers is available if this course is mandated. Shanel-Hogan noted that CDA's foundation has an online training program that is currently available at no charge through their website with slides, a video and script to give the information necessary to meet the reporting obligation. Member Osuna noted that if the course is mandatory, any provider may give the course, as long as the required subject matter is contained. Cathy Mudge, CDA, recognized the need for this information, but did not believe the course should be mandatory. She felt the information has broad availability as Dr. Shanel-Hogan has noted. JoAnn Galliano, CDHA, agreed that the issue is important, however another mandatory course is not required, noting that it is currently contained within the hygiene curriculum for all students. M/S/F (Sahabi/Osuna) to require 3 hours of instruction be taken one time by all licentiates. Former Dental Board member Ariane Terlet noted that the Board could suggest that all the schools incorporate the course requirements into their programs. Chair Osuna stated that the Board does not have the authority to tell the schools what to teach, however a letter could be sent indicating the responsibilities of licentiates and asking that this information be incorporated into the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs. She noted that schools are currently required to teach their students their reporting responsibilities and any further mandate of courses to be taught in the programs would have to be addressed legislatively. Member Sahabi asked if physicians and nurses are required to take these courses. Dr. Shanel-Hogan responded that at this time physicians and nurses are not required to take them, however psychologists, social workers and marriage and family health counselors are. Dorothy Cox, The Alliance, noted that many continuing education providers offer this information. M/S/F (Turchi/Osuna) to not make this course a mandatory requirement. Earl Johnson, Marin County Dental Society, felt that two hours was ample time, three hours too long. Shanel-Hogan felt that adding one hour would be better than nothing at all. Dr. Kassen felt that offering the CE course would be the first step. Chair Osuna noted that this is currently the case, and Shanel-Hogan agreed that this has been the case for the last 10 years. She has had reports that this information is not getting out to everyone and felt it should be mandatory, and she encouraged the dispersion of this information by whatever means possible. Dr. Kassen continued to oppose a mandatory course. M/S/F (Sahabi/Osuna) to incorporate the abuse reporting, recognition and responsibility requirements into the current mandatory CE requirements of the California Dental Practice Act and increase the length of the course from two to three hours. Chair Osuna noted that the Board's facilitation of disseminating this information will be agendaized for the next meeting.

## Agenda Item 10.4 – Discussion of Modifying the Renewal Notice to include CEU

Chair Osuna noted that there was a suggestion made that the renewal notice contain an area where the applicant completes the date the course number and the number of units, however the issue is that the renewal form currently has no space available to contain this information. It would involve restructuring the renewal form. Legal Counsel Powell stated that there is no room on the form to indicate all the information requested. Assistant Executive Officer Georgetta Coleman-Griffith noted that this would address the concerns raised, however it would require a multi-page renewal form. Karen Wyant, noted that currently renewals are handled by the Department of Consumer Affairs in a computerized process. She reported that any time there is missing material or odd notations it gets kicked out of that automatic process back to the agency for processing. Anything that increases that will increase the workload. Edmund Carolan, CDA, asked if the form was not completed to indicate the required CE information if it would mean automatic rejection of the license renewal. Chair Osuna clarified that if the information was incomplete, missing, or unclear, the renewal payment would be cashed, however the license would not be issued and the form would be returned to the board for complete information. Dorothy Cox, The Alliance, felt there would be a tremendous workload associated with this. As a continuing education provider she noted that her workload has increased considerably by the necessity of issuing duplicate CE information to licensees who have lost their information. She asked that no further burden of workload be placed upon her or staff. M/S/F(Turchi/Sahabi) to add a check-box to include the 80%-20% CE requirements to the renewal form.

### Public Comment – none

The meeting of the CE committee adjourned at 2:35p.m.